

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the previous Office Action, and herein amends the Application. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended Claims 6, 12, 17 and 19 to overcome the Examiners rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicant respectfully submits that each of such amendments of Claims 6, 12, 16 and 19 which are included herein are for purposes of correcting various clerical type of errors to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections are not being made for reasons of distinguishing the respective claims over the prior art of record, and that such amendments do not narrow the scope of the respective pending claims. Applicant further notes that regarding Claims 7-10, 13, 18 and 20, such claims were objected to as depending from base claims to which the Examiner raised objections, and with correction of such objections as noted in the Office Action, Claims 7-10, 13, 18 and 20 are now in proper form for allowance. Applicant requests withdrawal of the Examiner's Objection to Claims 6-10, 12, 13 and 17-20 under 35 U.S. C. 112, second paragraph.

Applicant traverses the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-7 and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. sec. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Galbraith*. Claim 1 was amended to set forth that the object is held in the hand of the user. *Galbraith* discloses and teaches that the user's upper arm is support by the supporting device disclosed therein, and not an object held in the user's hand, such as the firearm shown in *Galbraith*. In particular, the disclosure of *Galbraith* teaches away from providing a saddle which directly engages against the object being supported by the user. *Galbraith* instead teaches that the supporting device be mounted to the upper arm of a user, as opposed to the forearm. See *Galbraith* in Column 1, at lines 21-22 and 32-33, and Column 2, lines 6-7. *Galbraith* also teaches that the supporting device disclosed therein is secured to the user such that it does not directly engage the object being supported by the user, as shown in Fig. 1. Thus, *Galbraith* teaches away from the invention set forth in Claims 1. Applicant submits that the structure as set forth in Claim 1 is different from the structure of *Galbraith*, and requests withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1 under *Galbraith*.

Claims 2-7 and Claim 11 depend from Claim 1, and incorporate the limitations set forth in Claim 1, which as set forth above are not disclosed in *Galbraith*. Thus, Claims 2-7 and Claim 11 are not anticipated by *Galbraith*. Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 2-7 and Claim 11 as being anticipated by *Galbraith*.

Applicant traverses the rejection of Claims 12 and 13 as being obviated by *Galbraith*. Applicant submits for consideration that the Examiner's rejection of Claims 12 and 13, although listed as being rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102, were described as being rejected for obviousness. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 12 and 13 are neither anticipated by *Galbraith* nor obviated by being an obvious design choice of materials. *Galbraith* does not disclose or teach the combined features of the present invention as set forth in Claims 12 and 13. *Galbraith* does not teach nor disclose the first and second saddle members being formed of leather. *Galbraith*, either individually or in combination with the other cited prior art references, does not disclose or teach a portable support for attaching to a forearm of user, and having the particular combined structural features of the first and second saddle members formed of leather, with the second saddle member being smaller than the first saddle member and being fixedly secured to the first saddle member. Further *Galbraith* does not disclosed the additional features of a belt pocket defining an upwardly facing cavity, having a belt fastener strap mounted to one side of said belt pocket. These features are not shown or disclosed by *Galbraith*, nor suggested by combination with the other prior art of record. Applicant requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of Claim 12.

Similarly, in relation to Claim 13, *Galbraith*, either individually or when combined with the other cited prior art references of record, does not teach of disclose the portable support according to the structure set forth in Claim 12, wherein a portion of said first and second saddle members define a steady rest for directly engaging against an object being supported in the hand of a user, to provide further support for the object. Instead, *Galbraith* teaches to have a user's hand directly engage the object being supported, a fire arm, and the supporting device of *Galbraith* instead supports the upper arm of the user. Applicant requests withdrawal o the Examiner's rejection of Claim 13.

Applicant traverses the rejections of Claims 8 and 14, as being obviated by *Galbraith* in combination with *Vetter*. Claim 8 depends from Claim 6, which depends from Claim 1, and, as set forth above, Claim 1 sets forth limitations not shown in *Galbraith*. Claim 6 includes further limitations over that set forth in *Galbraith*, such as the saddle of the present invention having first and second saddle members, an aperture in the second saddle member and the support tube being rotatably supported in the aperture of the second saddle member by a swivel pin. This particular combination of features is not shown, suggested or disclosed by either *Galbraith* or *Vetter*, either singularly or in combination. Similarly, Claim 14 includes limitations not shown or suggested by either *Galbraith* and *Vetter*. Claim 14 has claim limitations directed toward a saddle having first and second saddle members of different sizes as set forth therein, including an aperture. Claim 14 further has claim limitations directed toward a retaining clip fixedly secured to the first saddle member for receiving the support tube. The particular combination of features set forth in Claim 14 are not shown nor suggested by *Galbraith* in combination with *Vetter*. *Vetter* discloses a bipod support for a firearm having two struts and a spring clip 26 for fastening one strut to another. However, *Vetter* does not suggest a saddle for securing to an arm of a user, but instead teaches a handle 14 for gripping, teaching away from the present invention of *Galbraith*. *Galbraith* does not disclose or suggest a spring clip, such as that in *Vetter*. Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 8 and 14 based on *Vetter* in combination with *Galbraith*.

Applicant traverses the rejection of Claims 9, 10, 15-17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. sec. 103 as being unpatentable over *Galbraith*. Claim 9 depends from Claim 6, which depends from Claim 1, and, as set forth above, Claim 1 sets forth limitations not shown in *Galbraith*. Claim 6 includes further limitations over that set forth in *Galbraith*, such as the saddle of the present invention having first and second saddle members, an aperture in the second saddle member and the support tube being rotatably supported in the aperture of the second saddle member by a swivel pin. As discussed above, this particular combination of features is not shown, suggested or disclosed by *Galbraith*. Additionally, the recited structure of the shape of the first and second saddle members, and recited structural interrelationships as set forth in Claim 9, set forth patentable claim limitations, and not merely ornamental features of the present invention. Similarly, Claim 15 sets forth various features of the present invention as discussed in the various

sections hereinabove, which are neither disclosed or suggested by *Galbraith*. Applicant requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of Claims 9 and 15.

In regard to Claims 10, 16, 19 and 20, Applicant submits that the Examiner has not cited any prior art references showing a swivel pin as set forth in the cited claims, and the disclosure of the present application. Applicant submits that the combined structural features of each of Claims 10, 16, 19 and 20 disclose a novel, non-obvious combinations which are not obviated by the cited prior art. Further, *Galbraith* discloses lugs and bolts, and neither teaches or discloses the swivel pin of the present invention. Applicant requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of Claims 10, 16 , 19 and 30.

Applicant traverses the Examiner's rejection of Claims 17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. sec. 103 as being unpatentable over *Galbraith* in view of *Weiss* or *Phillips*. Claims 17, 19 and 20 each show various combinations of features of the invention, which as set forth hereinabove, are patentable over *Galbraith*. Applicant further submits that *Galbraith* does not teach nor suggest combination with *Weiss* or *Phillips*, and that *Weiss* or *Phillips* do not teach nor fairly suggest combination with the structure of *Galbraith*, such that CLaims 17, 19 and 20 are not obviated by *Galbraith* in combination with either *Weiss* or *Phillips*. Applicant requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of Claims 17, 19 and 20.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims as amended.

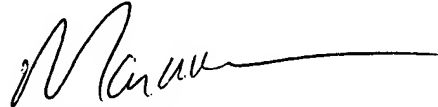
Applicant requests a *TELEPHONE INTERVIEW* with the Examiner to discuss the various disclosures of the cited prior art in relation to the limitations set forth in pending Claims 1-20, as amended, provided the Examiner does not find the Application in condition for allowance. Applicant's attorney requests that the Examiner call the below-listed number to arrange a time for the Interview.

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